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## Tie To The Hitch Racks.

The city has placed three hitch racks in different parts of the city at a cost of nearly \$200 and they expect the farmers to use them when they come to town. To show that they mean what they say they will make it a fine of \$5 to tie on Chestnut St. between the Court House and Philip's store. Farmers will find one hitch rack extending for a whole block along the side of the court house block and another of equal length on West Juniata opposite Philip's house. A third rack is located in front of the city hall on Second St. These racks are good and strong as you will discover when you come to try them next week. Don't forget—TIE TO THE RACKS!

## Inspect Track and Depots.

A special train passed through Hays last Sunday afternoon bearing J. O. Brinkerhoff, General Supt. of the Union Pacific, and a number of track and station inspectors. An open inspection car ran in front of the engine and every rod of track was closely inspected by several men who are trained for their work. Behind the engine were attached one passenger coach and two officials' cars. All the depots of the system are thoroughly inspected and in three months each agent receives a grade on his respective depot. Agent Noble expects a high rating on the Hays station.

## Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Oct. 8th. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

Jas. W. Benner  
Avlyn Butler  
Fred Spalding  
Fred Fyfe  
J. W. Yeager  
Julia Saum  
Jacob Hevmann

H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

## Senator Curtis and "Crazy Horse."

United States Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas is the only person with Indian blood in his veins who ever sat in the United States Senate. His mother was a quarter-bred Kaw and his father an officer in the United States Army, who saw considerable service during the early days of the frontier.

Senator Curtis, in his unique career, has been much in the public eye, but probably his first appearance showed the kind of stuff of which he was made. It was about thirty years ago in the days of the old Kansas Interstate Fair. The great attraction of the week was a ten-thousand-dollar running race. Mr. Curtis, then sixteen years old, was a black-eyed, black-haired, swarthy lad, straight and silent, as any Indian who ever lived. Among the speediest horses in that part of the country was a raw-boned outlaw colt known as "Crazy Horse." The mare had a peculiar habit of balking just before the finish line. Curtis knew this, but being in need of money, calmly announced his intention of riding the colt in the race. "Crazy Horse" showed the other ten starters clean heels for three-quarters of the distance. As the lad came down the home stretch, a clear winner by five lengths, the crowd along the track, for they had no grandstands there in those days, shouted in frenzy. The roar reached the ears of "Crazy Horse," who promptly dropped to his haunches. Curtis was hurled through the air like a meteor and landed on the roof of a training stable, far away, with a crash. He was badly hurt. For a time his life was despaired of, and he bears the mark of the accident to this day in the shape of an ugly scar.

Curtis's first words when he recovered consciousness were, "I'll ride 'er, Doc, I'll ride 'er!"

And he did. Swathed in bandages, he sneaked out from his little cot in the racing quarters a week later, so sore that he could hardly move. But he won the biggest race of the day on "Crazy Horse." It was that gritty performance that stamped him a man in the eyes of his associates.—"Success Magazine."

## Picnic.

The St. Joseph's Literary Society of Catherine will hold a picnic at that place next Tuesday Oct. 15th, 1907. The committee have made arrangements to entertain a large number of visitors and extend an invitation to all to attend.

School children should buy their books at C. A. Harkness Drug Store.

## LOCAL NEWS.

### Harkness for School Supplies.

Jas. Reeder of Denver was in Hays on business a few days this week.

H. H. Gill returned Thursday evening from a two weeks' visit at Abilene.

Remember J. H. Spratt has an agency for the state text school books. 42-1f

Fred Schwaller returned Sunday evening from a week's visit at Kansas City, Mo.

Wm. Wagner has been in Topeka this week attending the state session of the I. O. O. F.

P. P. Smith has set up a very attractive china display in the show window of Oshant's new store.

On Tuesday Rev. C. F. Wiest will leave for Ottawa, Kans. to attend the annual meeting of Kansas Synod.

Bissing Bros. did a big business at their cloak sale Thursday—all of which goes to prove "it pays to advertise."

The Public Library will be open on Saturdays, as usual from two to six and on Tuesday evenings from seven to nine.

The Normal football team has a game scheduled with the Russell team for next Tuesday, the 15th, on the Normal campus.

The Ford Sisters Concert Thursday evening was well attended and afforded a pleasant evening's entertainment to an appreciative audience.

Wm. Hall returned Wednesday evening from Excelsior Springs. His white faced cattle, which he shipped a couple weeks ago topped the market at Kansas City.

Mrs. Collier and daughter, respectively mother and sister of A. D. Collier of this city, arrived Friday morning from their home at Los Angeles, Cal. and are guests at the Experiment Station.

The block on east Normal avenue, from the Methodist church to W. A. Smith's has been parked. All the fences have been taken down and we now claim to have the nicest block in the city.

The model district school at the Western Normal School, Hays City, will be separate from the regular model school which has always been a part of the work. The new school is in one room, and contains all the grades from the primary to the eighth. The school will be conducted so as to be a model in every respect as to methods, library, and other equipments, course of study, etc. Miss Julia M. Stone, a graduate of the Kansas State Normal School, and formerly superintendent of the Cloud County school, has charge of the room. She is in every way qualified for the work. Between 25 and 30 children are now enrolled, and they come from both city and country.—WESTERN SCHOOL JOURNAL.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Carrie Rockefeller of Russell to Mr. Andrew Collier of this city on the twenty-fifth of this month. The wedding will take place at Russell and will be followed by a reception. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Frank S. Rockefeller, Russell county's state representative, and is well known among young circles in this city. Mr. Collier has been foreman at the Experiment Station for a number of years and has made many warm friends who are hastening to congratulate him on his good fortune. He will remain at the Station and they will make their home in the residence which has been occupied by the Superintendent.

### Yost Controls Wilson Mill.

The Yost Milling Company has leased the 200-bbl. flour mill at Wilson and is now running it. Walter Stedman is in charge of the mechanical part of the mill while G. A. Lester has charge of the business end. Both Stedman's and Lesters have moved to Wilson and will make their home there until Mr. Yost can get a mill built at Hays. This will probably not be until the cement plant is in operation and then Mr. Yost hopes to build a re-enforced concrete mill. The force operating the Wilson mill will be taken entirely from the former employees here. A number of them have already gone down and more expect to leave soon.

I. M. Yost will retain his office here and buy wheat to ship to his mill. It is probable he will also have the Wilson flour on sale here.

## Church Notes

### Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.

Next Sunday is Rally Day for the Sunday School. Let everyone turn out and bring from one to five with him.

Our choir was somewhat broken in to by sickness, but Miss Olive and Sophia favored us both morning and evening with duets which were very much appreciated by all present.

Don't forget to come out Sunday morning and you will feel better all week for having acted like a Christian in a Christian land.

"Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together as is the manner of some."

### Methodist Episcopal Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

As was anticipated, the Epworth League meeting of last Sunday evening was of much interest and some more of the Leaguers signed their names to the pledge as Christian Stewards. Others were interested enough to go on studying the subject and will undoubtedly take the pledge before long. The aim is to enroll every Epworthian as a Christian Steward before the campaign shall cease.

The third Quarterly Conference will be held at the church at ten o'clock this Saturday morning, the Presiding Elder being present. The preaching service will be at eleven o'clock Sunday morning by the Rev. H. H. Bowen, who will also preach here Sunday evening, he and the pastor here exchanging places for the entire day.

Mrs. Mumford went down to Gorham last Sunday and assisted in organizing a Sunday School and preached to the people. They urgently requested her to return and desire preaching every other Sunday if arrangements can be made.

The work at Yocemento looks more encouraging than at any time since it was begun. Several Christian families have moved in and will doubtless work together for the good of all.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Rose and their daughter come from Wallace county and will put their membership in here. They were members at Hope, in Dickinson county.

Two Spaniards and one Italian have been attending the services of late. The Spanish young men are from Porto Rico.

### Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10 a. m. Sunday School.  
11 a. m. Public Worship. "The Fading Leaf", an autumn sermon.

6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting. Topic: Remember Eternity.

7:30 p. m. Public Worship: "The Marks of a Great Christian."

No Prayer Meeting next week.

You are cordially invited to all the services.

### City Council Meets.

The city council met at a call meeting last Monday evening and passed on a large pile of bills. All bills but two were allowed and these two were laid over till next meeting. They were, a bill of The News for printing and a bill of Henry McGuire for some disputed sidewalk. The recent fire cost the city over \$85.00 for fire guards; the three hitching racks, which are not quite completed on account of the lack of cement, will cost the city approximately \$200 when finished. The council voted unanimously to pass an ordinance making it a fine of \$5.00 for anyone to tie on North Chestnut Street, and authorizing the city marshal to place signs to that effect. This ordinance will also be enforced on South Chestnut to Philip's store after sixty days. The council voted to put in one more cement crossing, from the Schultz property to the Yost property on Laurel Hill. Some trouble regarding the bounds of the city limits prevented the council from letting the contract to put in the cement walks not laid by private parties, and the city clerk and attorney were ordered to confer on the subject and report at the next meeting. In the mean time it will be necessary to re-advertise for bids to lay these walks. There are about five or six walks that the city will have to lay and charge up to the taxes on the lot. The council will meet again at a call meeting in a short time.

## ? HOW ABOUT YOUR FEET ?



¶ We have everything in the line of neat and stylish shoes, and the serviceable middle priced footwear for hard use.

¶ You can do no better in the county than to buy from our big stock.

¶ Overclothes, Gloves, Hats, Handkerchiefs, Notions, Socks, and a complete line of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. The largest and most select of these goods to be found in Ellis Co.

Give our store a call and satisfy yourself.

## I. ZEIGLER & SON

### Normal Notes

Our librarian left Tuesday to attend the State Librarians' association at Newton, Kansas.

The gentlemen members of the faculty are nearly all suffering from the effects of the twilight picnic. No wonder they are ill after being so badly defeated by the senior girls in the "tug of war" contest. None of the students are seriously ill although several devoured numerous sandwiches and pickles in a very mysterious manner.

Miss Katherine Brown left Saturday morning for Kansas City to be with her mother who is in a hospital there. We are very sorry to lose her from the Normal.

The drawing class is doing some very artistic work in water colors now-a-days. They all expect to become famous.

The lecture course for this season begins November first and tickets will be on sale October 28th.

Mrs. Picken gave a very interesting talk to the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Matthew favored them with a solo.

### Missouri Pacific Tracks Unsafe.

The National Union of Railway Trackmen whose offices are at Fort Scott, Kansas, are sending out literature to the press of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska protesting against the Missouri Pacific for operating on tracks that are unfit for travel. They charge that two of the state railroad commissioners are hobnobbing with the railroad officials and are not doing their duty to the people of the state. It is undoubtedly true that the Missouri Pacific's tracks are in a condition which makes travel dangerous and it is only a question of time till they must be repaired or condemned as unsafe for travel.

### Calendars

Now is the time to get in your order for 1908 calendars. We have a line of over 500 samples and will be pleased to show them to you whether you wish to order or not.—THE FREE PRESS.

"A Woman of Mystery" the first play of the season to make Hays showed here Tuesday evening. The play was a good one and the costumes which were of the French Colonial style were very elaborate. The attendance was not as good as it would have been had the play been properly advertised.

Nine cars of cattle were shipped from here Sunday to the K. C. market. W. W. Bemis shipped six, George Worth, Louis Worth and Joe Rhodes each one.

The old timers of Hays were glad to see Mr. Hancuff, who formerly owned a blacksmith shop on East Juniata St., in town this week. He was accompanied by his father.

A Catholic Fair will be held October 21st, 22nd and 23rd in the G. A. R. Hall at Ellis for the benefit of the new Catholic church. Supper will be served on Monday Oct. 21st, and dinner and supper on Tuesday and Wednesday. All are invited.

Books of which our supply was exhausted last week were received this week. Call and get them. 44-1f

C. A. HARKNESS.  
P. W. Harvey and wife visited at Hays City the fore part of the week. They report a good heavy rain down there and everybody sowing wheat. Their son, Charlie is attending school at the Western Branch of the State Normal at Hays.—Gove Co. Gazette.

Judging from remarks in the Graphic, riding astride is not considered good form for young ladies at Oakley. At Russell the custom of riding astride is so old, that to see a girl riding sideways would excite comment nowadays.—Russell Rustling in Luray Herald.

## 3 weeks Special Offer

FOR three weeks only we will make a special price on Farmer's Stationery—in just the quantity needed by all farmers and others using only a limited amount of stationery—

100 Envelops  
200 Note Heads **\$1<sup>50</sup>**

—neatly printed with your name and address. This offer will hold good until November first only.

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## BIG STOCK SALE

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1907

I will sell at Public Auction at my farm at Turkville the following property:

76 head Cattle, 12 head Horses,  
104 head Hogs

Sale begins at 10 a. m. sharp  
FREE LUNCH AT NOON.

I ALSO DESIRE TO RENT MY 300-ACRE FARM.

**Charles Hoff**